



# Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
FINANCE, REVENUE & BONDING COMMITTEE  
REGARDING RAISED SENATE BILL 808

February 9, 2009

Good afternoon, my name is Paul Brady. I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers. I would like to testify in opposition to Raised Senate Bill 808, *AN ACT INCREASING FEES AND FINES*.

Our members are licensed by the state as Professional Engineers and pay a license renewal fee of \$225 per year. This legislation and Governor's proposal would increase their renewal fee by 25%. The current renewal fee is already the highest in the nation. Most states have renewal fees less than \$50 per year.

Unlike most states, Connecticut has inflated its license fees to generate revenue for the general fund. That is unfair for the professions and occupations which are licensed. The license fees should be a true user fee which covers the cost of the licensing and enforcement programs. In spite of the exorbitant license fee, Connecticut provides fewer services to licensees and the public than other states.

On behalf of the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers, I encourage you not to increase license fees. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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